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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Judge Joseph James Barr of Wood River, who passed away on November 10, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Joseph James Barr was born October 31, 1919, in Alton to Joseph E. Barr and Mary (Clasby) Barr; on September 25, 1945, he and the former Mary Louise Dahm were married at St. Ann's Church in Normandy, Missouri ; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Barr was a lifetime resident of Wood River and a lifetime member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church; he graduated from Marquette Catholic High School in Alton and from the University of Notre Dame in undergraduate and law schools in 1942; and

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WHEREAS, He served with the United States Marines in World War II in the Pacific Theater; he participated in island landings on Tarawa (November 20, 1943) Saipan (June 15, 1944) and Tinian (July 24, 1944); he was wounded in Tarawa and was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Nimitz; he was also awarded the Purple Heart; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Barr was a member of the Illinois Bar Association since 1946; he was a lifetime member of the Knights

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1 of Columbus Wood River Council, the American Legion, the  
2 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans;  
3 as a young lawyer, he served as an attorney for the City of  
4 Wood River, the Village of Roxana, and the Roxana Park  
5 District; in 1950, he was elected Probate Judge of Madison  
6 County and continued in that office until elected to the  
7 Circuit Court in 1957; he retired from the Judicial Office in  
8 1982, and after retirement was associated with the Holland and  
9 Sweet Law Firm in Wood River; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Joseph Barr is survived by his wife, Mary  
11 Louise; his children, Joseph E. Barr and his wife, Jacqueline  
12 Crowe, James P. Barr, Mary Elliott and her husband, Donald,  
13 Patricia Fulks and her husband, Ronald, and Janet Hoelscher and  
14 her husband, Stephen; his ten grandchildren; his two  
15 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Marjorie Mossman Kenney;  
16 he was preceded in death by his parents and four infant  
17 children, Michael Louis, John Robert, Ann Marie, and Theresa  
18 Ann Barr; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
21 his family and friends, the passing of Judge Joseph James Barr;  
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23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Judge Joseph James Barr as a symbol  
2 of our sympathy.